

*IN THE SPECIFICATION*

Please replace the paragraph 5 on page 3 of the substitute specification, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0005] ~~This objective is attained with the characteristics disclosed in the characterizing portions of Claims 1, 28, 30 and 31.~~ The invention provides a handle for a tool configured for an assigned group of hands. The handle includes a body having a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis extending between the ends. The body has a finger section for engagement with fingers of a user, which extends along the longitudinal axis, and a palm section for engagement with a palm of the user, which extends along the longitudinal axis and substantially opposes the finger section. The palm section includes a distal part adjacent the distal end, a proximal part adjacent the proximal end, and a center part that lies between the distal part and the proximal part. The center part has a convex portion having a three-dimensional curvature that extends over at least a part of its circumference for engagement with the palm of the user. The curvature has a surface which is disposed relative to a longitudinal axis such that the surface has a point disposed at a maximum distance from the longitudinal axis at a point along the longitudinal axis that is situated approximately in a central region of the curvature. The distance from the surface to the longitudinal axis decreases from the maximum to the distal and proximal parts. The convex portion has a length, measured along a line tangent to the maximum and parallel to the longitudinal axis, of between 45% and 55% of an average hand width of an assigned group of hands. The curvature has a curvature radius of between 60 and 120 mm at the maximum point. The curvature radius of the finger section is greater than that of the palm section. The center part is asymmetrical relative to a plane including the maximum point and the longitudinal axis. The handle can have an asymmetric shape for a right-handed or a left-handed user. The invention is described in greater detail below with reference to the embodiments that are illustrated in the enclosed figures.